

Today, the Crane family owns and operates Crane Canyon Ranch, The Crane Melon Barn and Crane Vineyard. In addition to their famous Crane Melons, the family ranch sells watermelons, heirloom tomatoes, Crane Melon Honey, organic Sonoma County walnuts and metal sculptures by Richard. Crane Vineyard is a four-acre pinot noir vineyard on the ranch. Rick and Jennifer are fifth and sixth generation Sonoma County farmers.

The Crane family are active members of our community, with members serving on the Sonoma County Fair Board, Harvest Fair Board, Farm Bureau, 4-H Foundation Board and Farm Trails.

The Santa Rosa Metro Chamber has recognized long-standing leadership in the community and successful maintenance of agricultural enterprises with its Leadership in Agriculture Award for over forty years. The Crane family is very deserving of this award. They work hard to develop excellent produce, serve our community, and maintain the great tradition of family farming in Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, the Crane family has been farming in Sonoma County for six generations. They are leaders in sustainable farming and contribute honorably to our community. I am proud to have such a hardworking family living in our District. It is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

#### EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AF- FECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to report to the House on Hurricane Harvey, the historic storm that has devastated the Gulf Coast and my city of Houston, Texas.

As a senior member and a resident of the city of Houston, I was there and witnessed the devastation that the storm wrought.

Hurricane Harvey has declared war on America's Gulf Coast, and as Americans, we must respond.

We will need emergency supplemental appropriations for Southeast Texas, and the Houston metroplex, to provide support to local, state, and federal government agencies in assisting with flood remediation, recovery, victim services, and reconstruction following the catastrophic damage caused by historic flooding.

So far, Harvey has dumped an estimated 11 trillion gallons of water in the Houston area.

The relentless rain has inundated homes, decimated area roadways and turned neighborhoods into unrecognizable lakes.

Large portions of the Bayou City have been overwhelmed by rainfall amounts that occur only once in every thousand years.

To comprehend the level of destruction, the volume of water that has fallen could fill the Astrodome more than 24 thousand times over and power Niagara Falls for 15 days.

The disastrous events this week have been punctuated by the tragic loss of life.

In Houston, at least 44 people have lost their lives, including veteran police officer Sgt. Steve Perez, 60, who had worked for 34 years with the Houston Police Department.

Sgt. Perez was trying to serve and protect others when he was swept away by the rising waters.

Sgt. Perez, who worked in the traffic enforcement division, left home around 4 a.m. Sunday to drive to his duty station downtown but could not find a path because flooding caused by tropical storm Harvey had made many roads impassable.

A family of six attempting to flee their home perished when their vehicle was swept into Greens Bayou.

Samuel "Sammy" Saldivar was driving eastbound on Green River Road near John Ralston Road Sunday when rising water in Greens Bayou overcame the van.

Sammy was travelling with his elderly parents, Manuel Saldivar, 84, and Belia, 81.

Also in the van were the great-grandchildren of his parents: Daisy Saldivar, 6, Xavier Saldivar, 8, Dominic Saldivar, 14, and Devy Saldivar, 16.

A Neither Houston nor any city in the nation has ever experienced flooding of this magnitude.

Our valiant emergency responders are overtaxed and citizen rescues have become a critical source of assistance in saving lives.

So far the Coast Guard alone has saved more than 6,000 Lives in Houston.

At times like this, I am so proud to be an American and to call Houston home.

We are a close community that comes together to overcome any challenge that stands in our way.

Mr. Speaker, this is why we need Congress and the President to provide immediate emergency funding and resources commensurate with the crisis at hand, and that means a minimum of \$150 billion is needed now and much more later.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of all those who perished in Hurricane Harvey.

#### HONORING MS. LEE PAULSEN

#### HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lee Paulsen, the Honorary Grand Marshal for the 56th Annual Labor Day Parade in Newtown, Connecticut. Since 1962, this annual celebration has brought together the people of Newtown and western Connecticut, and this year's organizers invited Lee to head the parade in recognition of her decades of selfless work to help those most in need in our community.

Lee moved to Newtown in 1972 with her family, and she quickly became known among her neighbors for her generosity. She has worked at the FAITH Food Pantry since its inception in 1983, and her efforts have been instrumental in keeping its doors open to those in need through economic downturns, the relocation of the food pantry, and other challenges facing the organization.

Her neighbors in Newtown know Lee for her kindness, humility, and sincere commitment to helping others. Those who work with Lee note that she does not seek recognition or attention, but nonetheless, everyone knows Lee as an inspiring and altruistic person. The Labor Day Parade's fitting theme, Labor of Love, this year recognizes Lee's decades of work and encourages all of us to reflect on how we can

contribute to our community. Lee sets a remarkable example as a caring citizen, and she has made Newtown a more generous and welcoming place through her years of work at FAITH.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Paulsen has been a leading member of our community who shares her time and knowledge to help those in need in Newtown. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today, and thank her for inspiring others to engage in a Labor of Love.

#### L. RAFAEL REIF AND THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM

#### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the powerful words of L. Rafael Reif, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on DACA, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals." Mr. Reif notes MIT's commitment to intellectual excellence, merit, and national service in support of DACA. He is himself a proud naturalized citizen of the United States.

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TRUMP SHOULD NOT REPEAL DACA

(By L. Rafael Reif)

President Trump is reportedly considering a repeal of "DACA," the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The immediate pressure: a threat of legal action by a number of states to end the program, which sets a Sept. 5 deadline for the White House to act.

As the president of one of America's leading technical universities—an institution built on intellectual excellence, a meritocratic openness to talent, and a long tradition of national service—I believe repealing DACA would be a mistake. Repeal would be no more than a rejection of a policy and of thousands of human beings. Repeal is not, however, a solution for the country or for the young people directly involved. I strongly urge the president and Congress to find a path that better serves us all.

Created in 2012 by executive action, DACA addresses the problem of young people brought to this country without documentation when they were under 16, a group sometimes known as Dreamers. DACA invites them to declare themselves openly to the government. In return, provided that they meet strict criteria, such as having earned a high school diploma, being enrolled in higher education or engaged in the military, and having committed no serious crime, DACA allows them a Social Security number, a driver's license, authorization to work—and perhaps above all, relief from the fear of being deported. DACA is not a path to permanent citizenship; it grants a temporary but renewable opportunity for a normal life. And it applies only to the fixed pool of those who were brought to the US as children before June 2007.

Repeal would run counter to our national interest in at least two ways. First, it would remove productive workers from our economy, while costing the US government tens of billions in lost future tax revenues and the direct costs of deportation. And because Dreamers are, by definition, products of the US education system, driving them out would be throwing away a tremendous national investment. We should treat these